

Department of
Veterans Affairs

Memorandum

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From: Karen Sanders MD, Acting Chief Academic Affiliations Officer (14AA), VA Central Office, Washington, DC

Subj: Request for Proposal (RFP) for Graduate Medical Education (GME) Enhancement under the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act (VACAA) of 2014

To: ACOS-E/DEO, Chief of Staff, Medical Center Director, Network Academic Affiliations Officer, Chief Medical Officer, and Network Director

1. The Office of Academic Affiliations (OAA) announces the Request for Proposals (RFP) for Graduate Medical Education (GME) allocations under the criteria of the Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014 (VACAA).
2. This RFP provides information, policies, and application procedures for Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) facilities that wish to submit for additional physician resident positions for Academic Year 2022-2023 which begins July 1, 2022. **This may be the final opportunity to apply for GME positions under the VACAA legislation.**
3. The VACAA legislation, which was signed into law on August 7, 2014, authorizes VA to increase the number of graduate medical education residency positions at medical centers by up to 1,500 positions over five years. Additionally, the VACAA legislation outlines specific legislative priorities for the programs of those positions and the characteristics of the facilities that host them. This legislative authority has been extended to ten years through 2024.
4. **The application submission deadline is May 7, 2021.** Online application submission instructions are included in the RFP.
5. Deanna Callahan, Deanna.Callahan@va.gov; Edward Bope, MD, Edward.Bope@va.gov; and Anthony Albanese, MD, Anthony.Albanese@va.gov are the designated OAA leads for the VACAA GME Enhancement RFP and are available for consultation and guidance.
6. We look forward to your proposal submission and your continued efforts to advance education across the VA.

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